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1. Prior to 8 February 1953 the Chinese Communist Central and South China Military Area directed that during 1953, supplementary to Kwangsi provincial construction activities, the following major projects were to be planned for the Liuchou (N 24-18, E 109-16) and Kweilin (N 25-20, E 110-10) areas:
 - a. Liuchou area: increase power supply to 80,000 kilowatts by readjusting generators¹; install 28 kilometers of high tension cable; build 14 power stations; build 650 homes for factory employees; and build 4,000 dormitory units for workers.
 - b. Kweilin area: increase power supply to 55,000 kilowatts¹; build 4,000 civilian homes; build 300 homes for factory employees; build 2,000 dormitory units for workers; construct 84 mountain caves; and complete 20 kilometers of tunnel.
2. During 1953 the mining and water conservation projects in the Liuchou and Kweilin areas were under the jurisdiction of the Kwangsi industrial construction program.

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3. In November 1952 an electric power plant was on the north bank of the Min River, 400 yards east of the Number 6 wharf, Foochow. The plant contained one steam turbine generator, which supplied electricity to a large part of Foochow. Firewood from the hills around Nanp'ing (N 26-39, E 118-08) was

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the only fuel used. The firewood was taken down the river in log floats and sawed to kindling size at the power station. In 1949 and 1950 the plant ran only at night, but in 1952 it was running 24 hours a day.

4. In November 1952 an electric power plant was on Jenchou (0088/1558) Road in Hsinkang (2450/3263), in the northern part of Foochow. This plant was known as the "old electric plant" and had one large steam turbine generator which supplied current 24 hours a day. The plant was in a large compound surrounded by a concrete post fence and had the tallest chimney in Foochow. The fuel used was firewood which was floated from Nanp'ing to a creek on the west side of the compound. On the west and north sides of the compound were workers' quarters, and fifteen feet inside of the west side of the fence was an engine repair shop.

1. Comment. The power supply presently available to Liuchou and Kweilin is about 75,000 kilowatts.

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